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POLREP 1

ROUTE 563 ABANDONED DRUM  
BALFORD TWP., MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA.  
CERCLA EMERGENCY RESPONSE

ATTN: TOM MASSEY & TIM FIELDS

I. SITUATION: (1000 HRS, 5/29/87)

- A. AN ABANDONED DRUM WAS DISCOVERED BY THE LIMERICK STATE POLICE. THE SITUATION WAS REPORTED TO THE RRC (OSC HESTON) BY THE LIMERICK STATE POLICE AT 2230 HRS ON 5/29/87. THE LOCATION OF THE ABANDON DRUM WAS AT P.O. BOX 610, RIDGE RD. (ROUTE 563) IN BALFORD TWP. MONTGOMERY CO., PA. OSC HESTON ACTIVATED TAT AT 2300 HRS AS LIMERICK STATE POLICE SECURED THE AREA UNTIL TAT ARRIVED ON SCENE.
- B. PERSONNEL ON-SCENE: LIMERICK STATE POLICE (LUTZ, STEWARD), TAT (MABRUKOWICH, JANIEC, MERKL).
- C. WEATHER: CALM, MUNIC, HIGH IN THE MID 70'S.

II. ACTIONS TAKEN

- A. OSC HESTON ACTIVATED TAT AT 2300 HRS, 5/29/87.
- B. TAT, (JANIEC, MABRUKOWICH) ARRIVE ON SCENE AT 0030 HRS AND MEET WITH LIMERICK STATE POLICE, (STEWARD, LUTZ) AND ARE UPDATED WITH ALL KNOWN INFORMATION.
- C. EQUIPMENT VAN AND TATM MERKL ARRIVE ON SCENE AT 0200 HRS.
- D. TAT MAKES ENTRY AND PERFORMS SAMPLING OF DRUM. TATM JANIEC EQUIPPED WITH PHOTIONIZATION DETECTOR, RADIATION METER, COMBUSTIBLE GAS INDICATOR/OXYGEN METER (CGI). ENTRY MEMBER WEARS LEVEL B PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT. THE DRUM WAS SURVEYED AND VAPORS WERE DETECTED BY THE PHOTONIZATION DETECTOR AT 10 UNITS/PPM ABOVE BACKGROUND LEVELS. WHEN BUNG WAS CRACKED, UPON REMOVING THE BUNG PEAKS AS HIGH AS 200 UNITS ABOVE BACKGROUND WERE DETECTED. NO ADDITIONAL READINGS WERE OBSERVED BY EITHER THE RADIATION METER OR THE COMBUSTIBLE GAS/OXYGEN METER.

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- E. AT 0230 HRS TAT EXTRACT SAMPLE FOR LABORATORY ANALYSIS. LIQUID MATERIAL FROM DRUM WAS BLACK OPAQUE IN COLOR AND HAD A SLIGHT ODOR. SAMPLE BOTTLE WAS LABELED RSP-053087-D01.
- F. AT 0245 HRS TAT CLOSE DRUM AND BARRIER GUARD AREA.
- G. AT 0300 HRS TAT NOTIFY OSC AS TO PRESENT STATUS; OSC INFORMS TAT TO AWAIT FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS AND TO GIVE OSC CALL AT 0800 HRS.
- H. TAT CONTACT OSC AT 0800 HRS, OSC INSTRUCTS TAT TO PREPARE POLREP AND TO WAIT UNTIL MONDAY WHEN TAT WILL CONTRACT LAB TO RUN PP SCAN AND RCRA ANALYSIS.
- I. OSC BRIEFED PADER (BEITLER) ON PLANS FOR SITE.

### III. FUTURE PLANS:

- A. TAT WILL CONTRACT LAB ON MONDAY 6/1/87 TO RUN ANALYSIS.
- B. OSC TO COORDINATE WITH LIMERICK STATE POLICE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS AS TO BEST METHOD OF DISPOSAL.
- C. OSC TO CONTACT TAT-PQ (HAWKINS) TO OBTAIN FUNDS FOR SAMPLE ANALYSIS.
- D. FURTHER ACTIONS PENDING SAMPLE ANALYSIS.

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